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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are currently pending in the present application.

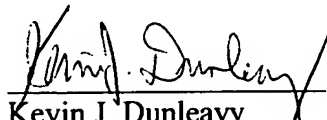
The specification has been amended to insert a reference to the parent application in order to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §120 for claiming the benefit of an earlier-filed U.S. patent application.

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-20, for initial examination on the merits with traverse.

In support of the restriction requirement, the Examiner alleges that the process as claimed in claims 1-2 can be practiced with another materially different product, alleging that interleukin-1- α derivatives can be used in the method claimed in claims 1-20. The applicant traverses the requirement on the basis that claims 1-20 specifically require the use of the composition of claims 21-37 in the method of claims 1-20. Accordingly, interleukin-1- α derivatives cannot be used in the process, as claimed, since the process, as claimed, requires the use of the composition of claims 21-37.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested. A speedy and favorable first Office Action on merit is respectfully solicited.

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